Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Looking to the question (*b*) and the answer thereto, it seems that it is only the Congress people who are looking after the interest of the people. Is it a correct answer?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The correct answer is that the Village Panchayat did not move and that the local Congress Committee did move and we have got the estimate ready. The Village Panchayat was not prepared to shoulder the responsibility.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Was this matter referred to the Village Panchayat? This is only to feature that the Congress Committee alone moved in this matter.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It is not so much to feature it but it is only to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Members that the scheme was prepared not at the instance of the Village Panchayat. We could not accept the scheme because the Village Panchayat did not come forward with contribution nor were the people ready to pay their contribution.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I will request the Hon'ble Minister to read the answer once again. There is an element of loan to the Village Panchayat. Are you going to force a loan on the Panchayat? The whole answer does not seem to have been gone into properly.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The very fact that the Congress Committee's name was mentioned was because the initiative was taken by them and I may tell him that Government will take up a scheme at the request of anybody. Even if the Hon'ble Member suggests a scheme, we will take it up if it is possible. The matter was referred to the Village Panchayat. The Village Panchayat was not agreeable to bear their portion of the cost. Therefore, the scheme is dropped.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—In answer to (*a*) it is stated that there is a District Local Board well with adequate water. In answer to the question of a member the Minister replied that the estimate was Rs. 3 lakhs. It seems to me that there is some contradiction in the answers.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—There is no contradiction at all. It is the policy of Government to give protected water supply wherever possible and wherever necessary.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ಈ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿ ಎಷ್ಟು?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I have no idea.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ನುಮಾರು ಮುವತ್ತು ನಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರಬಹುದೆಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ.—ಇರಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ಗ್ರಾಮಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯವರು ಸಾಲದ ಹೊರೆ ಹೊರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿದ್ಧವಾಗಿದ್ದೇವೆಂದು ತರಾವು ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ನರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ.—ಇಲ್ಲ.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—Why this scheme has not been taken up under the National Rural Water Supply Scheme?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It does not apply because the population is more than 5,000.

Formation of Hole-Narasipur—Keralapur Road.

*Q.—226. Sri Y. VEERAPPA (Hole-narasipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the formation of an inter village communication road between Hole-narasipur and Keralapur, (about 16 miles) is pending for the past ten years;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(*c*) whether they will take up the work immediately?

*A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (*a*).

(*c*) There has been some difficulty in fixing up the contract. As soon as the difficulty is resolved the work will be taken up.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—What is the length of the road and the estimated cost?

†Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I do not know the length of the road and the estimated cost is Rs. 1,02,000.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Since how long is this road pending ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Since 1954.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Is it not a fact that tenders were called for and nearly four contractors have offered tenders ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It is a fact that tenders were called for but the Law Department opined that the calling of tenders was not proper.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—What prompted the Government to issue a stay order ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Because originally the contract was given to three people who had worked on the same road on a contract basis and work order was given. In order to keep up the usual practice with the P.W.D., when the work was entrusted to them through the district board, they called for tenders again with the result that the other people who were given the contract before, filed objections with the Government. We asked for the legal opinion and the opinion is that calling for tenders for a second time was improper.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—May I know from the Government how many villages are affected ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I am not aware of the exact number.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—May I know when the Government is going to settle the dispute ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—We will take a decision early.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Originally the road costing about Rs. 1 lakh and odd was entrusted to three people not on a tender basis because they gave an application that they would bear 1/3 of the expenditure which the people had to bear. On that condition the work was given in 1950. Subsequently they did not do the work. Later on it was entrusted to the P.W.D. for execution and the Public Works Department had to observe certain rules under the P.W.D. Code. Accordingly tenders were called for and the old contractors to whom the work had been entrusted put in objections. The question was legally examined and the Law Department is of the opinion that calling for tenders may not be proper till the claim is settled. That is the reason why the matter is being delayed. It is receiving the attention of the Government and it will be settled soon.

Supply of Electricity to Coastal Places in North Kanara District.

*Q.—238. Sri S. D. GAONKAR (Karwar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when electricity will be made available to all the coastal places in North Kanara District ;

(*b*) whether any survey has been made in this behalf ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that survey on the Kali project is going on and if so what is the present progress and when the same is likely to be completed ;

(*d*) whether any steps are contemplated to survey the Unchalli and Magod falls in Siddapur and Yellapur Taluks of North Kanara District ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Estimates for supplying electricity to major coastal towns, *viz*, Honnavar, Kumta, Gokarn, Ankola and Karwar have been sanctioned by the State Electricity Board. Work is being put on hand and will be completed as early as possible. Supply of power to other places along the coast will be taken up as and when further schemes are sanctioned after being found to be feasible.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, preliminary reconnaissance for the selection of dam sites, power houses, etc., has been done. The detailed surveys are expected to be completed in about a year's time.

(*d*) No.